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Modeling, simulation aid acquisition process

by Roy K. Heitman
ESC Public Affairs

A Hanscom program office is proving daily that command and control acquisition can be done faster, better and cheaper by using modeling and simulation.

Appropriately called the Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, the office, led by Lt. Col. Scott Ley and his Operations Officer Maj. Ron Martin, is part of the Integrated Command and Control System Program Office, directed by Col. Edward Mahan.

"Essentially, modeling and simulation allows the Electronic Systems Center acquisition process to deliver a more operationally effective integrated command and control system to the warfighter," Major Martin said. With modeling and simulation, program managers are able to make better tradeoff decisions before actually "bending metal" on a project.

"Our modeling and simulation folks support four key areas: command and control training, analysis, testing and simulation based acquisition," Major Martin said. "For instance, our National Air and Space Model program office, led by Guy Giroux, is developing a next generation model to train operators at the air operations centers and wing operations centers in exercises and experiments such as Blue Flag, Ulchi Focus Lens, and Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment."

The National Air and Space Warfare Model will eventually replace the current training model called Air Warfare Simulation currently being used to support these events.

With modeling and simulation, commanders can simultaneously work with fielded systems such as AWACS and with yet to be built aircraft like the Joint Strike Fighter.

The greatest benefits of modeling and simulation are the manpower and dollars savings. For example, the staff at an AOC can be trained to generate 1000 plus sorties, for instance, at a small fraction of the cost of using actual planes.

Modeling and simulation can be used to support analysis in a broad

sense, such as the value of an entire Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System or focused on just the radar portion of that system. Analysis can also be used to show the military utility of a command and control system in an air campaign or a specific mission such as time critical targeting. For instance, the Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center used modeling and simulation to create a synthetic environment that successfully linked virtual fighters such as the F-16 at the Aeronautical Systems Center and space-based radar model at the Space and Missile Center to conduct a proof of concept demonstration. As a follow-on, the center is supporting a pathfinder effort that will support an Air Force Space Command analysis of alternatives of space-based radar.

Linking modeling and simulation models with Joint Strike Fighter models helps that program office decide what systems need to be carried on the fighter as well as what remote systems can feed into it.

"We work with a number of organizations to support testing, exercises, demonstrations and experimentation," Major Martin said. "The office is supporting a United States Joint Forces Command study effort called "Pegasus" where we will tie together five or six different simulations from the Air Force, Army and Navy to examine the best way to conduct attack operations in the future."

Command and control simulation based acquisition uses simulation technology that is integrated across all acquisition phases and programs. The intent is to reduce time, resources and risks associated with the command and control system acquisition process, while increasing quality, military utility and supportability of the systems.

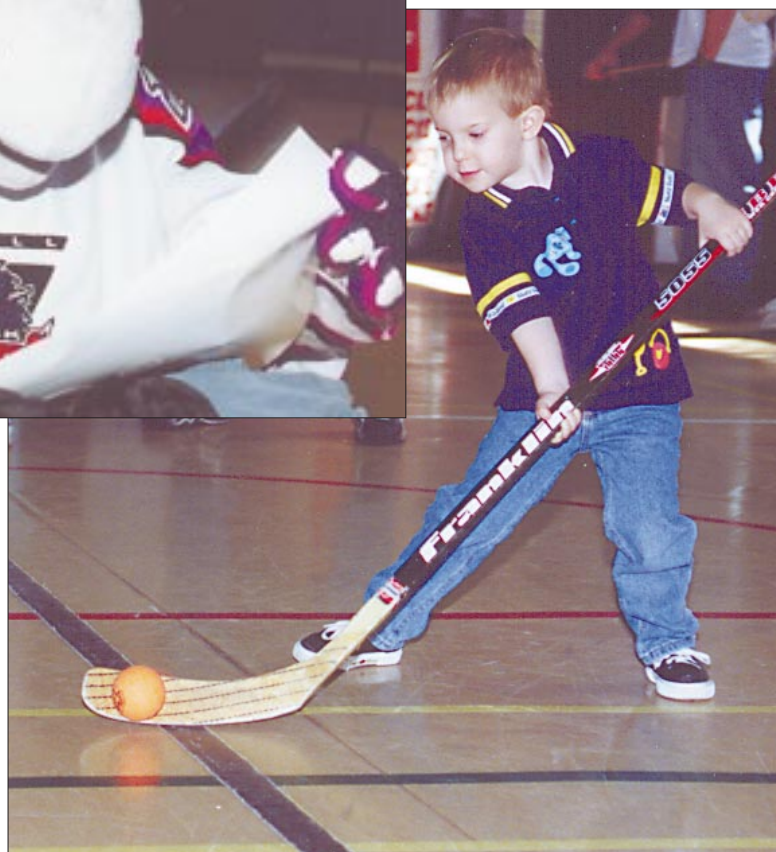
"In the past we built a prototype of a new system that would be sent to the field and, while it often functioned as it was supposed to, it was frequently so 'stove-piped' it did not work with any other system," Major Martin said. "Now we build a prototype and take it to the CUBE and use

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photos by Mark Wyatt

Louie the Lock Monster, mascot for the Lowell Lock Monsters AAA hockey team, visited and played hockey with base children at the Youth Center April 1 to promote Hanscom AFB Hockey Night at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell today at 7 p.m. (Above) Louie signs an autograph. (Left) Zachary Goetz, age 4, gets ready to take a slap shot.



Lock Monster sighted at Youth Center

Thirty-nine get major promotion

by Senior Airman Jason J. Ide
ESC Public Affairs

The major selection board convened at Randolph AFB, Texas, Jan. 24, and selected 2,349 officers for promotion to major.

Of all the people to be promoted service wide, 39 are part of the Electronic Systems Center, coming from Hanscom, the 319th Recruiting Squadron, the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, the Air Force Research Laboratory and the Standard Systems Group

The promotees are as follows:
From the Electronic Systems

Center Anthony F. Bond, Thomas J. Killeen, Diane P. M. Hanf, Trevor M. Clark, Paul B. DiDomenico, Dwayne P. Sellers, Phyllis M. Johnson, John E. Casebolt, David Tobar, Kirk T. Schmierer, Stephen W. Hill, Wallace L. Addison, Ronald E. Cleaves, Wendy K. Fraser, James C. McEachen, Roberta L. Shreffler, Paul D. Tobin, John H. MacNicol, Joseph S. Julian Jr., Todd M. Burkhardt, Kurt A. Bergo, Douglas E. Cool, Lorelee R. Manas, Michael J. Noble and Mark I. Wade

From the 66th Air Base Wing

Jerry Bogert.

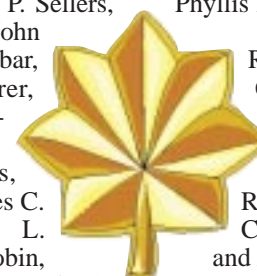
From the 319th Recruiting Squadron Mark T. Leavitt and Phyllis Hamilton.

From the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Linda Moschelle and Kenneth Rickert.

From the Air Force Research Laboratory Robert Bonneau, Joyce L. Collins, John G. Keller, and Andrew Armacost.

From the Cryptologic Systems Group Christopher Eisenbies.

From the Standard Systems Group Andre L. Kennedy, Stephen R. Pratt, Anthony W. Wann and Timothy L. Hughes.



Deputy Secretary of Defense Hamre bids farewell

by **John J. Hamre**
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Washington — It has been the greatest honor and privilege of my life to serve as your deputy secretary of defense.

These past several years have been a time of great change, unexpected challenges and hard-won progress for our armed forces.

Under Secretary of Defense William Cohen's leadership, we sustained readiness, improved pay, retirement, recruiting and quality of life, while meeting military challenges in the Balkans, Southeast Asia and in the Pacific.

New threats emerged, as seen

in the bombings of our embassies in Africa, cyber-attacks on our information systems, natural disasters and serious terrorist threats in our homeland. Yet, amid all these competing demands on our time, attention and resources, we have maintained the strongest force for good in the history of the world and made significant progress in transforming the structure and operations of the Department.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Secretary Cohen and the countless men and women — uniform and civilian, active, Guard and Reserve — who have been responsible for these successes. I would also like to offer my special

thanks to those who worked on some of the signal issues of my tenure: the Defense Reform Initiative, the Joint Task Force for Civil Support, computer network defense, information assurance, the creation of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the reform of our export control process, missile defense, Y2K preparation and preserving a sound defense industrial base in a global economy.

In going forward as a private citizen, I will remain a life-long advocate for the finest men and women I have ever known. I am very proud

I will remain a life-long advocate for the finest men and women I have ever known.

-- John J. Hamre
Deputy Secretary of Defense

of your skill, service and sacrifice in defending this nation and our national interest. I am confident that in your hands America will remain secure and strong.

God bless you all; it has been an honor to serve with you. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)



Treat those getting out well

Ex-airmen are sometimes the best recruiters

by **Master Sgt. Joseph Bulmahn**
48th Medical Operations Squadron

Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom — I got an e-mail the other day from one of my troops who left the Air Force last year. Ben was an outstanding airman in every sense of the word. He served his country honorably for four years and had a work ethic I sincerely admired.

His reason for leaving was simple; his father owned a construction business and was going to pay him substantially more than his E-4 pay. He did not particularly dislike the Air Force. He just had what he felt was a better deal. I respected him and was very supportive of his decision. I had already made sure he knew all the opportunities and benefits of staying in. But in the end it was his decision to get out.

What was interesting about the e-mail was he was asking about the Air Force Reserve. He wanted to know what I knew about it and my opinion. I was a little surprised that less than a year after getting out he wanted back in. I reflected on this for a while and thought about the current recruitment and retention problem in the military. I also wondered how many young people Ben had spoken to concerning the

Air Force since he went back home.

I suddenly realized the enormous impact those leaving the service have on our recruitment. Ben is 23 now and has siblings, friends and acquaintances in their late teens and 20s. The Air Force wants us all to be recruiters. I bet Ben knows more prospects than I do; a 34-year-old stationed overseas. Whether we acknowledge it or not, those who leave the force can be our best recruiters or our worst nightmare.

My recruiter was my dad. When I was a kid dad spoke fondly about his four years in the Air Force. He had so many exciting experiences during his enlistment and I loved listening to his stories. He was the one man I respected and trusted most so I hung on to every one of his words. Well into his 50s, Dad still remembers supervisors and co-workers from his late teen years with explicit detail.

Because of Dad's influence on me and his attitude toward the Air Force, I was destined to enlist since early childhood. I even ran around in his old cotton fatigue shirt until I was about 12. I still have that old shirt stored in my Grandma's attic. He didn't know it at the time, or even intend it, but he was my recruiter.

Why do we treat those who choose to

leave as second-class citizens? Supervisors don't usually take the time to write departing troops medals, even when they were exceptional performers. And often when we do, someone up the chain questions why we bother. We immediately shift our full attention to the airmen who stay. Those are the ones we need to develop and take care of, right? Let's face it, we stop caring about those getting out as they get closer to leaving.

I didn't do that with Ben. We still keep in touch and I still care about his well-being and future. I am confident because of how I treated him; Ben is someone else's recruiter and may not even know it yet. If they have his character, send him to my flight. Ben himself may return to our "family" in some capacity.

Thousands of young Americans choose to enter the Air Force, serve honorably and complete their commitment. Despite our best efforts to retain them, many will elect to leave after four years. Let's start treating them as alumni, not deserters. Remember, these airmen may become future Guardsman, Reservists, commissioned officers, or may return to the active enlisted force. At a minimum, they can be our best recruiters. Let's never forget that.

Everyone who owns a blue suit must participate in

Training from the Airman's Manual

The Military Training Day will be conducted on the first Friday of every month as mandated by Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, Electronic Systems Center commander.

The training for today is:
☐ Law of Armed Conflict briefing. Scheduled in the Base Theatre, 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Page 18 of the manual has information on this subject.

☐ Host nation sensitivities -- located on page 19 of the manual.

☐ Pallet construction -- located on page 21 of the manual or a demonstration near the Education Center parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Did you know ... that when dealing with host nation's, dress and appearance that is acceptable in the United States, may be offensive or possibly illegal somewhere else.



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AFAF campaign ends with a bang

by **Airman 1st Class Theresa Ide**
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Beating the goal of \$25,540, Hanscom contributors proved that it is important to take care of its own.

Raising \$39,940, and with donations still pouring in, 1st Lt. Jeannie Connor, installation project officer, credits the generosity of Hanscom people for the campaign's success.

"People have been very generous, and the unit key workers have done an excellent job promoting AFAF in their organizations," said Lieutenant Connor. "Without them, the campaign would not have

been successful."

The Air Force Aid Society received the most donations with a total of \$24,997, followed by the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc. with a total of \$5,304, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund with a total of \$4,566, the General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation with a total of \$3,989 and undesignated donations of \$85.

"Once again Hanscom people have risen to the occasion and have helped those less fortunate than themselves," said Col. Steven Sheldon, ESC staff director. "We should all be proud of the generosity of Hanscom people."



photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

Starting the day off right

Lt. Col. Thomas Schluckebier, 66th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, looks at a book with his son, Matthew, 3, during the 'Breakfast Around the World' held at the Hanscom Primary School March 29. This event was designed to promote healthy nutrition, expose children to different foods of other cultures and celebrate National Nutrition Month.

Housing utility construction starts Monday

by **Kendall Smith**
66th Civil Engineer Squadron

Utility construction is scheduled to take place in housing soon, affecting mostly Ent road.

Ent Road will receive a completely new water system, replacing the existing 40-year-old system.

In addition to the water system, conduit and manholes will also be installed in support of the next phase of the housing electrical system upgrade, also known as the Pole Away project where the amount of utility poles on base is slowly diminishing.

The water system will be installed first on the west side of Ent.

Three major water outages will be required. One each to connect the main line to the existing water line at either end of Ent road and the third to connect the new line to the Scott circle line.

Each outage will take one day. Once the main line is installed, isolated outages will be required to connect each building to the main line. These outages will involve just the building being connected and should last four hours.

Affected residents will be notified prior to water outages.

The contractor will begin sawcutting roads Monday, with the first water outage scheduled for April 17.

The project will take approximately

two months to complete.

Following completion of the water system installation, construction will begin on the next phase of housing Pole Away.

This will involve installing conduits, manholes and other structures.

The main conduit run will be on the east side of Ent road; however, it will be necessary to run some conduits to the buildings on the west side of Ent.

No utility outages are anticipated for the construction, which should take three months to complete.

A start date has not been established yet.

For information on both of these projects, call 3-3525.

Patriots Day activities

Saturday

10:30 a.m. -- Bedford Pole Capping
1:30 p.m. -- Meriam's Corner Exercise
3 p.m. -- Capture of Paul Revere

April 15

8 a.m. -- North Bridge Ceremony
10 a.m. -- Meriam's Corner Skirmish
2:15 p.m. -- Battle Road '00 at Hastings Park, Lexington
3:45 p.m. -- Battle Road '00 at Tower Park, Lexington
4 p.m. -- Jason Russell House
8 p.m. -- Patriots Day Ball, Concord Armory
11:50 p.m. -- Midnight March to Wright Tavern, Concord

April 16

8 p.m. -- Lighting of the lanterns, Old North Church in Boston

April 17

12 a.m. -- Paul Revere re-enactment
6 a.m. -- Pancake Breakfast
6 to 9 a.m. -- Isaac Davis Trail March
9 a.m. -- Concord's Patriots Day Parade
9 a.m. -- Arlington Parade
2 p.m. -- Lexington Parade

April 19

6 a.m. -- Dawn Salute, Buttrick Hillside

A complete listing of Park Service programs can be viewed at www.nps.gov/mima or by calling (978) 369-6993.

The Museum of Our National History will also be sponsoring a number of special displays and educational presentations. Information can be obtained by calling (781) 862-6541 or viewing information on-line at www.mnh.org.

Other helpful websites include www.2000lexington.com and www.lincoln-ma.com/index.htm.

The Lexington 2000 Commission can also be reached by phone at (781) 862-0500, ext. 700.

The Concord Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee can be reached at (978) 369-0817.



photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

While alcohol consumption can be handled responsibly by most, some, including under-age drinkers, abuse this well-known drug. That is why ...

Awareness is the first step in prevention

by **Elaine Dea**
66th Medical Group

April is Alcohol Awareness month. Alcohol is the most used and abused drug in the world, and probably always has been. Just as it has been used carefully by many people, others have abused it.

Most people who drink began drinking in their teens. Underage alcohol use is a form of rebellion.

Weekend binges are common among adolescent drinkers, some of whom will later in life drink responsibly, while others will have a lifelong problem. Underage drinking is a concern for many reasons; first and foremost because it is illegal. In addition, other illegal drug use, as well as early sexual activity frequently accompanies

underage alcohol use. Unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases are some other possible consequences.

Some people drink and don't have problems. Other people do have problems related to alcohol use.

We are beginning to understand some of the factors that affect drinking patterns and how individuals react to alcohol. For instance, studies show that if you are a male and have a father or a brother who is an alcoholic, you have as much as one out of two chances of becoming an alcoholic.

Some people, because of their genetic heritage, are predisposed to an inability to handle alcohol, much as some folks inherit a tendency to develop diabetes or hypertension.

Another risk factor is the environment in which you learn to drink. If you grew up in a household with moderate, responsible drinkers as role models, you are likely to model this behavior, but, unfortunately, the reverse is also true.

The amount you drink is another pertinent factor. One drink or less per day for women and no more than two per day for men is considered generally safe. People who drink three or more drinks per day are often already dependent upon alcohol. This is because alcohol is an addictive substance; it causes reactions in the brain that the brain comes to depend on and to demand.

The reason you drink is another important significant issue.

Alcohol may become a way of feeling good — a way of escaping life's problems. Psychological dependence is likely to develop when alcohol is used as an escape. How much you know is a primary factor. People who understand alcohol and its risks pay attention to how much, when, and why they drink. People who have problems with alcohol tend to be unaware of how much they drink, how important it has become to them, or why they are drinking.

If a person only drinks occasionally, but finds themselves in trouble those times that they don't drink, they need to determine if they can consistently retain control when they are drinking. Can you honestly predict how many you will have each and every time

you pick up a drink and always drink in safety?

A three-month test can help with this evaluation. For three months, men should have no more than one or two drinks on every day when they drink. Women should have no more than one drink, either one 12 ounce beer, one 5-ounce glass of wine or one shot of liquor. If you can consistently do this, without a struggle for three months, you most likely still have control.

If you are unable to stay within your limit, it is time to seek help. It is not easy to give up a way of living - even one that hurts, but the consequences for continuing can be devastating. Contact the Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment Program at 3-2418 for information or assistance.

It's your night out ...

Use operational risk management to make it a safe one

by **Master Sgt. Peter L. Maas III**
18th Wing Safety, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan

It's 1 a.m. and you've got to be up at 7 a.m. The problem is you're toasted. You've had the time of your life and enough alcohol to keep you happy until 10 a.m. the next day!

Somewhere in the fog reality strikes. You've got to get home. You look around. Your friends are toasted too. You draw sticks and hope for the best. Darn, you "won." You're thinking it's only a couple of miles to the front gate and you don't feel that drunk.

You toss a stick of chewing gum in your mouth and off you go.

As you approach the gate you fumble for your ID. You're thinking if you could just get through the gate you'd be home free.

You're hoping for that quickie ID check and a friendly wave to proceed. As you hand the guard your ID card he's observing your every move. He noticed the way you approached the gate — weaving (because you were fumbling for your ID card, of course). He notices your glossy pupils and the way your eyes fail to focus. He notices the slur of your speech when he asks you how you're doing this nice evening.

All of your actions tell him to check you out a little closer. He can smell the alcohol emanating from your breath. He knows there's no such thing as Juicy Fruit alcohol-flavored gum. You're busted.

This is the scene over and over again. Night after night people are caught drinking and driving.

Why? Because they fail to plan. They fail to assess the risks associated with

drinking and driving.

If you take a minute or two to plan the evening you can save yourself great embarrassment, your career, and most importantly, you can live to enjoy another of those great nights out.

While many of us have heard of operational risk management, or ORM, many of us don't use it when we're off-duty. This common misconception is worth exploring. Let's see how we can apply ORM to the scenario above.

The Air Force has a six-step ORM anti drinking and driving process:

1 Identify the Hazard - Drinking alcohol and operating a motor vehicle is a hazard!

2 Assess the Risk - I could get caught, end up in jail, and destroy my career; I could get into an accident and kill myself or someone else

3 Analyze the Control Measures - I could walk; I could take a taxi; I could find a designated driver (hint: one who won't drink alcohol)

4 Make Control Decisions - Walk is too far and a taxi costs money, but we could all pitch in and lower the cost; Hey, Joe's ugly and can't get a date, but he's reliable. Let's see if he'll be our designated driver (but don't tell him he's ugly, okay?)

5 Risk Control Implementation - Joe's the choice! He's free and reliable.

6 Supervise and Review - Once you're sober. Evaluate how well your activity went. Adjust as needed and start the process again!

There are alternatives to drinking and driving. Just take a moment out and apply the ORM process. Drinking and driving is a choice. Don't make the wrong one.

AF leaders give budget overview to Congress

Washington -- The Air Force's top two leaders cited ongoing recruiting, retention and readiness challenges and outlined a city-base pilot program that could help reduce infrastructure costs during a Senate hearing.

Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan presented the service's fiscal 2001 budget overview March 29 to the Senate Appropriations defense subcommittee.

Peters said the fiscal 2001 budget proposal "represents a balanced, integrated and time-phased plan that supports our evolution into an expeditionary aerospace force ..."

Currently, Aerospace Expeditionary Forces 5 and 6 are in the field. "Each of these is made up of combined active duty, Reserve and Guard units," he said. "By rotating our forces in this way, the Air Force can provide a stable and predictable deployment schedule for all of its forces, and address one of the most serious complaints from our airmen -- namely, the high operational tempo."

Saying they were encouraged by the service's continued focus on its people, subcommittee members asked the two leaders about progress in overcoming challenges in retention, recruiting and readiness.

Ryan said, "while our readiness train has not yet turned the corner, our airmen continue to perform their worldwide missions with great pride and professionalism."

However, despite the recent successes over Kosovo and the response to multiple humanitarian crises, he said the service continues to endure many challenges, particularly in recruiting.

"We are losing too many of our experienced people, both enlisted and officers," he said. "And last year, though we recruited

more airmen than we had in previous years, we missed our goal ... and "we are behind this year again on our goals, but we are putting forth a great effort to turn that around."

The retention side is not as bleak.

Peters noted an evident upward trend. "In the month of February, for example, we retained almost 60 percent of our first-term airmen against a goal of 55 percent," he said. "It is still early, but we are doing better, and we hope it continues."

Speaking about the pilot deficit, the secretary said due to the new pilot bonus program, the "pilot shortage, once predicted to be about 2,000 this year, will, we think, bottom out at about 1,200 pilots." He said this should bring the service back up to about 600 pilots short at the end of 2001. He cautioned that "again, this is based on early trends which will have to continue."

On the readiness front, Peters said mission capable rates appear to be stabilizing, with back orders for spare parts down by more than 50 percent from a year ago.

However, Ryan pointed out "with the progressively aging aircraft fleet, our people are working harder to maintain readiness.

He said, "We have addressed most of our critical readiness requirements in this budget by funding the needed spares and by trying to revitalize some of our older aircraft."

"Unfortunately," Ryan said, "current funding levels do not allow us to address the infrastructure shortfalls we have across the Air Force, such as construction and real property maintenance."

He warned that ultimately, the infrastructure funding shortfalls would impact readiness in the long term if action is not taken to reverse them.

Local boy picked for national Youth Soccer Team

by Senior Airman Jason J. Ide
ESC Public Affairs

A "Team Hanscom" family member has been selected to represent the United States in an international soccer competition held in Gothenburg, Sweden July 12 through the 23.

Andreo J. Martins (A.J.), age 14, was selected, recently, to play in the international competition, representing the U.S. as a member of the People to People Sports Ambassadors Program.

"I was so surprised and happy when I found out that I was going," said A.J. "We [his team] will be given the opportunity to compete in the tournament as well as interacting with foreign students the same age as us and visit some of the historical and cultural sites of our host country."

A.J. will be on the U.S.A. Youth Soccer Team competing with teams from all over the world for the 2000 Gothia Cup.

The Gothia Cup is the world's largest soccer tournament. Each summer more than 1,100 teams from more than 50 countries participate in this "World Cup" for youth.

Tech Sgt. William Saunders, A.J.'s stepfather, said, "It's [the tournament] all done in an Olympic style. During the opening ceremonies players from the countries will carry their nation's flags out onto the field." A.J. who is in eighth grade at the Jonas Clark Middle School in Lexington, plays on the school's soccer team and on a regional youth soccer league representing the town of Lexington.

"I like playing soccer ... I'm not sure why, maybe it's because in soccer

you don't have to wear a lot of pads like in other sports, I just put on my shin guards and play," said A.J.

"I have been playing [soccer] since I was four," said A.J. "My father played soccer and got me started in it and I can't stop."

"Some day I hope to play professionally," said A.J., "but I still want to go to college."

The People to People Sports Ambassador Program was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. President Eisenhower believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so would their countries.

The Student Ambassador program has grown from its original 16 delegates to more than 13,000 in 1999.

A.J. will be an ambassador for the United States along with the 14 teammates that he will meet in New York City, which is the team's gathering-point before going overseas.

A.J. says that his mother, Lisa Saunders, and his 11-year-old sister, Juliana Martins, may accompany him on the trip. If not then he will just stick close to his coach, Michel Blackman, from Illinois, and try to stay out of trouble.

After staying a night in New York City the team will set off for Copenhagen, Denmark. The newly acquainted team will practice in Copenhagen for four days before flying off to Gothenburg to the tournament.

Once they arrive in Gothenburg, the tournament starts the next day. A.J.'s team will play at least four games before the elimination's start, with more depending on whether they win them or not.

For information on the People to People Sports Ambassadors Program go to www.sportsambassadors.org.



photo by Senior Airman Jason J. Ide
Andreo J. Martins displays the ball handling skills that helped earn him a spot on the U.S.A. Youth Soccer Team.

Swim team seeded third

by Rich Axtell
Base Swimming Pool

Harvard University and the Cambridge Masters Swim Team are holding this year's New England Short Course Championships, today through Sunday at Harvard's Blodgett Pool.

With over 530 swimmers entered, this weekend's meet is the largest of its kind this side of the Mississippi.

Hanscom masters swimmers (Minuteman Masters Swim) have been training since December for this weekend.

Following are members of Team Hanscom participated in this event: Rich Axtell, Felicia Bell, Scott Bendig, Richard Carr, Chad Connor, Aiyanna Currie, Ken Fletcher, Pam Kove, Kelly Mahan, Jennifer Petykowski, Katherine Rink, Matt Sambora, Jeff Schodorf, Kathryn Shimkus, Krista Steenbergen and Joe Wotton.

Joined by their off-base counterparts, MMSM is predicted by New England Masters officials to finish third overall.

Individual swimmers expected to make a top 10 appearance for overall points earned at the meet are former Air Force Academy swimmers Steenbergen and Wotton.

Wotton is a current national top 10 time holder.

Petykowski is expected to shine after her debut in masters swimming in December 1999, where she swam her way onto the national charts.

Iron Man hopeful Conner will be tuning up for his Iron Man qualifier in California in May.

He is predicted to finish in top the 10 in the distance events.

This championship meet is open to the public.

For directions to Harvard or for info on MMSM, call 3-2455 or email at rich.axtell@hanscom.af.mil.



Family Services looking for volunteers

With the advent of the New Year, are you looking for a rewarding experience that does not require a lot of time? Would you like to work among adults for a few hours each week, while your preschoolers enjoy a few hours of interaction with others their own age? Then consider volunteering at Family Services. At Family Services, you can enjoy meeting and helping many new people and your children can

interact with others at a certified on base Childcare facility, or provider. For volunteering your time, Family Services will pay for your childcare. For information, call the Volunteer Coordinator at 3-3436.



photo by Senior Airman Jason J. Ide

Somethin' is 'a bruin ...

Staff Sgt. Patrick Steen from the 66th Civil Engineer Squadron receives a balloon and stuffed bear as part of “Proud Parent Day” from Terry Shaw, Child Development Center, when he signs in his daughter, Ashtin, to the center Tuesday. The day was the beginning of the center’s celebration of the Month of the Military Child. Everyone that signed in their children received a stuffed bear and balloon. The parents were then encouraged to display the items in their offices all across the base.

Memorial to honor past, present, future airmen

by **Senior Airman A.J. Bosker**
Air Force Print News

Washington — Air Force leaders told participants at an Air Force Memorial dinner March 15 that a national memorial to our Air Force men and women — past, present and future — located in our nation’s capitol, is long overdue.

“The Air Force Memorial will be a powerful symbol and compelling confirmation of the greatness and glory that is our Air Force — an Air Force whose accomplishments are the summation of the great

efforts of all the men and women who have served in the past, present and future,” said Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste.

“The [Air Force] Memorial will be about people,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan said.

“[The Air Force Memorial] is a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made by airmen throughout history,” Ryan said. “It is also fitting this particular memorial be erected (on Arlington Ridge) close to Arlington National Cemetery and to Fort Myer, [Va.] the location of the first military

flight, and close to the resting place of the first military aviation casualty.

“However, this memorial is not just about sacrifice, it is also about success,” he said. “It’s about people who showed great courage in combat and who performed their mission with determination. It is about those airmen who served and continue to proudly serve their country today and in the future.”

The Air Force would not be the premier aerospace force in the world without its quality men and women, DiBattiste said.

The memorial, scheduled for completion

in 2002, is an abstract sculpture based on the Air Force star and designed to evoke the idea of air and space to embrace and include all airmen, according to Chuck Link, Air Force Memorial Foundation president.

Located at the heart of the memorial is the Earth projection experience showcasing Air Force technology. From that vantage point, visitors will be able to gaze down at a large format screen displaying a satellite image of the Earth. Periodically, the image will transition to pre-produced footage of aerial “fly-bys” above a particular location around the world.

Sometimes words do hurt

Emotional maltreatment of children comes in different forms

by **Peter F. Griffiths**

Family Advocacy Outreach

“Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never harm me!”

Some may remember this rhyme which was learned, as a child to defend from the verbal teasing other children would do. Although the rhyme may have defended children from other children, it is no match against the words that come from an adult and are directed toward a child ... especially our own.

Emotional maltreatment is a form of child abuse that uses hurtful words to inflict pain upon the child or may be the inattention to a child's emotional needs such as not paying attention to a child's cry for help, comfort or attention. Or, it may be in a form of not providing a child with affection such as hugs, kisses, words of praise and encouragement.

Emotional maltreatment may even take

the form of letting a child know how unappreciated they are in the family by withholding those items or activities that are essential to the child's physical safety and emotional well-being.

Oftentimes, hurtful words are name-calling, or words which demean or degrade a child's existence. Hurtful words are also words that threaten physical harm or terrorize the child. Words that blame hurt a child's sense of self-confidence, ambition and morale.

When these forms of maltreatment continue constantly and become a central part of a child's belief of who they are, that child bears the scars of emotional abuse.

Unlike physical abuse that leaves physical scars on the outside of the child, emotional abuse leaves scars on the inside. Depending upon the age of the child, the presence of emotional scars may be seen through behavior.

According to the State of Massachusetts,

Department of Social Services, children who have been seriously injured emotionally tend to be delayed in their physical development (age of walking, talking, potty trained); they may suffer from asthma, ulcers or severe allergies. Some children may exhibit speech disorders or be prone to substance abuse.

Other children may develop habit disorders such as sucking, biting, bed wetting, rocking back and forth, not wanting to eat or being very finicky with their food.

As a child becomes older, they may exhibit signs of not being able to play well with other children, they may have sleep disorders, phobias, act obsessively or compulsively. Some children may become overly compliant, extremely passive or aggressive.

Oftentimes, a parent or child care provider acts out of frustration of not knowing what a child wants, or how to respond to unacceptable behavior. Other parents or providers do not realize that their style of

parenting may be abusive in nature. There are very few parents who willfully and deliberately choose to maltreat their children.

For the majority of parents and care providers, the prevention of child emotional abuse can be achieved from a host of resources on parenting techniques and tips.

On Hanscom the Family Support Center has a wide range of videos and reading materials on every aspect of parenting or check out the Hanscom Clinic web site at www.hanscom.af.mil. Click on to “organizations” and find the 66th Medical Group. Scroll down and click on “departments.” Then click on counseling and prevention services and check out the “common sense link” that will link with some valuable parenting information. Or e-mail *GriffithP@hanscom.af.mil* with questions or comments about parenting.

Remember, April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and the Month of the Military Child.

AFMC brings new 'help center' website on-line

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio — Customer access to and understanding of the Air Force's most complex and diverse organization is now considerably easier with the launch of a prototype interactive web site.

Connectable from Department of Defense .mil and U.S. government .gov domains, Air Force Materiel Command expanded support to its customers recently with the Headquarters AFMC Customer Help Center at www.afmc-help.wpafb.af.mil.

This beta-version web site is a complementary component of AFMC's Customer Support Toolbox. Unlike traditional customer service operations — with rows of

technicians constantly manning phones — AFMC's site provides a portal to AFMC Web sites and selected databases. "The web site operates 24 (hours a day)-7 (days a week), and requires only a small fraction of the personnel necessary to staff a traditional customer service office," said Michael Self, one of the help center's architects.

Born from AFMC commander Gen. George Babbitt's desire to provide simple, customer-friendly access to AFMC knowledge, the help center was developed to provide instant assistance by using web technology. "Our ultimate goal," Mr. Self said, "is to provide an answer or an appro-

priate point of contact referral on the help center web site to 90-plus percent of our customers' questions.

"For those who can't find the answers they seek, there's human help available via e-mail and phone. Since the Help Center and its Web site are both brand new, we'll be working hard to expand and improve its functionality by gathering customer feedback in order to meet our customers' expectations," Mr. Self said.

The AFMC Customer Help Center offers easy connection to several references and database tools, and allows customers to perform a natural language or keyword search through AFMC Web sites (over

100,000 documents), selected databases and a web-based discussion bulletin board. In addition, it has links to readiness support tools such as Logistics Tracker and Stock Control System Web.

An integrated product team with representatives from AFMC's Requirements, Logistics, and Plans and Programs directorates provides direction and oversight to the AFMC Help Center. Visitors to the Web site can help the IPT improve the site by providing feedback — questions they could not find answers to, suggestions, problems — via email to hqafmc.helpcenter@wpafb.af.mil. (Courtesy of AFMC News Service)

Model (from page 1)—

modeling and simulation to do integration and interoperability testing, making sure it can talk to other systems there. Then we send it to the Command and Control Training Innovation Group at Hurlburt and give the operators a chance to work with it before we field it. They may request some changes or enhancements be made by the system. The system is then brought back to the CUBE again to make sure it still talks to the other systems and then back to the operators. This "spiral development" process is repeated until the system is ready to field.

"With SBA, we would not necessarily build the prototype first. Instead we would model it, show how it interfaces with other systems and use a variety of tools to determine its military worth to the warfighter before we build it," Major Martin said.

"We have the technology now as a modeling and simulation service provider to the system program offices and warfighters to support the delivery of better command systems, quicker and at significant cost savings," he said.



What are my limitations?

According to Kimberly Kintzel, Housing Flight chief, housing residents are permitted to plant in existing flower beds. For all other modifications to yards on base, residents must seek permission from the Housing Office by completing AF Form 332 and providing comprehensive information and an accurate drawing showing desired plans. Modifications include landscaping and fencing.

Don't like that tree or bush in your yard? Leave it, says Ms. Kintzel. Residents are required to maintain government installed plants. If there is a problem with any installed items in your yard, call the 66th Civil Engineer Customer Service desk at 3-2557.

For other yard questions, residents may refer to the Housing Brochure and Community Standards information available at the Housing Office or call 3-3387.



IS YOUR GRASS GREEN ENOUGH? Here's the dirt on putting the 'spring' back into your yard



by Airman 1st Class Theresa Ide
ESC Public Affairs

Not exactly a 'green thumb'?

Not to worry. Here is a list of easy-to-grow plants for the New England area and where they should be planted.

East and west exposure:
Wax begonias, lobelias, bell flowers, sweet alyssum pansys, geraniums and garden forget-me-nots.

Northern exposure:
Coleus, begonias, fuchsias, browallias, tuberous begonias and ivy vinca major.

Southern exposure:
Marigolds, ageratum, salvias, petunias, portulacas, verbena, dwarf phlox and zinnias.

(Information courtesy of Organic Plant Care)



How do I ...



Grow and maintain grass ...

Plant grass seed in desired areas with a spreader. Both grass seed and seed spreaders are available at the Self Help Store.

Water grass frequently and mow when grass reaches an inch above desired height.

Get flowers and plants ...

The Base Exchange currently has a variety of bulb species, roses and even grape vines. More live plants will be available as soon as the threat of frost is no longer inevitable.

Get materials and tools ...

The Self Help Store offers housing residents gardening tools for loan and free mulch, top soil, grass seed and fertilizer for their gardening needs. Check them out before buying materials



Organic recipes spice up a plant's life

Herbal Plant Tea

Before throwing out those droopy plants, try this reviving solution:
1 tablespoon of Comfrey leaves
1 tablespoon of Nettle leaves
1 tablespoon of Alfalfa leaves
1 quart of boiling water
Steep for 10 minutes and let cool until luke warm. Remove leaves from mixture and pour warm mixture on plants.

Homemade Fertilizer

Here's a chemical-free fertilizer concoction that offers the minerals necessary for plant growth.
4 parts coffee grounds
1 part bone meal
1 part wood ashes
Add to top soil in plant beds or bushes.
(Recipes courtesy of Organic Plant Care. For information on other organic plant options, check out their website at <http://www.organicplantcare.com>.)



5 easy steps to dress up a bare spot

- 1) Clear desired plant bed area of debris and cover with black plastic. The plastic will prevent weeds from growing.
- 2) Spread top soil and plant mix over plastic. Be sure to keep soil at least two inches away from house siding. This will prevent an ant or termite invasion.
- 3) Plant desired foliage and flowers according to instructions given. Every

plant requires a certain soil depth and a possible nutrient supplement. Also be mindful if the plant requires a sunny or shaded area and if it has drainage needs.
4) Water planted area as needed.
5) Voila! With some preparation, time and care, you will soon be on your way to a healthy, attractive plant bed.



Am I a winner?

Consistency and neatness is the key to becoming a potential Yard of the Month winner, said Ms. Kintzel.

Every year during May through October, the Housing Office picks six winners a month for this honor.

Winners consist of housing residents who maintain their entire yards to base standards and don't receive yard notices often.

Each winner receives a gift certificate from the base commissary, and coupons and certificates to use at the 66th Services Squadron facilities.

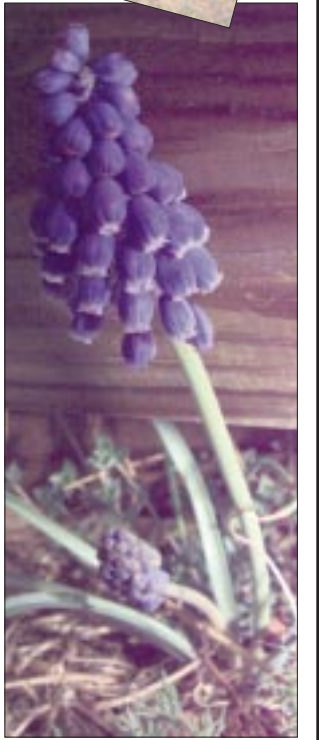
And of course you get to put that big, blue sign in your yard.

"I spend maybe 10 minutes in the evening pulling weeds and pinching off dead flowers, and about three hours on the weekend doing yard work," said Master Sgt. Amy Wood, chief of Relocations and Employment and one of last year's winners.

Sergeant Wood said that she and her husband, Jim, really didn't "strive" to win the contest, they work on their yard because they enjoy it and it gives them a sense of pride.

She said that not leaving items in the yard and "feeding" the grass to keep it green were some of the things that made her yard stand out among others. She also took advantage of the base Self Help Store, building two flower beds with the dirt and mulch provided.

Sergeant Wood advised other residents to "keep the outside of your residence presentable at all times and put away toys and tools when they are not in use."



Hanscom Rebels lose close season opener

by **Doug Baker**
Hanscom Rebels

The Spring soccer season kicked off this weekend at Hanscom with the Under-12 Boys division 4 team losing a hard fought game to Everett 4 to 2.

The boys were a little nervous early on, which allowed the Everett team to capitalize and score.

After this waking, the defensive unit of Cody Godwin, Luke Dreissnack and Alex Anderson stiffened, keeping the

Everett unit away from the goal for most of the first half.

First-half goalie John Boubonis was still called upon on occasion to make some great saves.

The midfield unit of Emanuel Herrera, Joe Wagner and Jake Parker were also working hard against a very aggressive Everett team.

The first half offensive unit of Doug Baker, Gerald Cronan, James Avila and Xavier Pickett were pressing down the field but were stopped just short of the goal.

Everett added a second goal late in the first half.

The second half started similar to the first with an early goal, which gave Everett a 3 to 0 lead.

The Hanscom Rebels were not worried. Shortly after this goal center forward Mark LePage weaved through the Everett defensive and got Hanscom on the board.

About five minutes later, a second goal was made when John Boubonis scored off of a penalty kick which made

the score 3 to 2.

This fired up the Hanscom players but the offensive line of Andrew Colombi, Nick Irwin, Joe Wagner and Jesse Cabrera were just not able to break through a stiff Everett defense.

The second half defensive unit, consisting of Francis Dreissnack, Josh Cronan and Doug Baker was strong but too late in the game, with Everett adding a fourth goal to seal the game.

Their next game is home Saturday against Stoneham.



photo by Troy Langenburg

Now I just sign here ...

Staff Sgt. Timothy Parkin, 66th Security Forces Squadron, fills out the forms for John Cefali's vehicle registration. The Security Forces held an onsite vehicle registration at the Shoppette March 31.

AAFES wises up on Smart Pay card, enhances IMPAC purchasing convenience

Dallas — Ringing up \$58 million in government charge card purchases last year, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is out to grow in a booming business category by keeping it simple.

“Sales figures show that AAFES is the single largest destination for military spending via government purchase cards,” said Barry Gordon, vice president of AAFES’ sales directorate. “Convenience is the key to building on our strength as the preferred place to shop, so we’re placing special emphasis on making official purchases simple and quick.”

This means that government employees

approved by DoD to make official purchases no longer have to sign a logbook or provide a unit address to use their government charge cards at AAFES facilities.

“Civilians are often the primary purchasers of mission-related goods and services for military organizations,” said Gordon.

“Their time is valuable, and we realize that to require them to do more than present their government I.D. and purchase card isn’t necessary.”

DoD civilians not otherwise authorized to shop at base and post exchanges can make official purchases there with Government Purchase



Cards, also known as GSA Smart Pay or IMPAC cards. Catalog purchases are also possible by telephone, and AAFES’ future plans include bringing official purchasing online at www.aafes.com.

Tax relief measures required to complete purchases at other locales do not apply, since base and post exchange sales are tax-free.

AAFES’ earnings from government pur-

chase card sales are returned to military installations for funding of morale, welfare and recreation programs.

In fiscal year 1999, overall purchases on government charge cards reached \$4.6 billion, a 35 percent increase from 1998, and cut across a wide range of goods and services, according to the Department of Defense. *(Courtesy of AAFES Public Affairs)*

Saturday

The 66th Civil Engineer Squadron will be conducting street sweeping in all base housing areas to include Patriot Village.

To simplify the task and to prevent any potential problems, the squadron asks that all housing residents obey the “no on-street parking” policy that will be in effect from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monday

BHS springtime dessert

The Bedford High School Parents Association will host a springtime dessert for all high school parents as well as parents of next year’s ninth grade class (students currently in eighth grade at the John Glenn Middle School and the Hanscom Middle School).

This get-acquainted party will be held at the home of Ginny and Frank Baudanza, 5 Hilltop Drive, Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Come to make new friends, build connections and discover that you are not alone.

For information, contact Ginny Baudanza at 275-8692 or email at gbaudanza@hotmail.com.

Wednesday

Language arts night at Hanscom Primary

Hanscom Primary School will be celebrating language arts learning during a Language arts night for kindergarten through fourth grade parents, guardians and students Wednesday for kindergarten and first grade; and Thursday for second through fourth grade.

Time for both events will be 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Hanscom Primary School on Ent Road.

Participants will be able to get a close up view of some of the topics, methods and materials that are used to teach language arts at the Hanscom schools.

The evening will feature a menu of activities organized around the four major strands of the language arts curriculum: language, writing, literature and media.

Stations will be set up throughout the school by teachers and students featuring information, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Tax return help offered

Since April 15 falls on a weekend and April 17 is a state holiday in Maine and Massachusetts, the filing deadline for 1999 Form 1040 returns has been extended to April 18 for all of the New England states.

The filing deadline applies to filing an extension and paying taxes.

Time is running out to file state and federal income tax returns.

If you’re in need of tax help Hanscom has several resources to assist you.

The Retiree Activities Office’s electronic tax filing service is available until Wednesday.

Note that electronic filing is only available for individuals filing 1040EZ, 1040A or 1040 forms.

Remember to bring completed tax forms, two copies of your W-2 and a canceled check or deposit slip.

Other resources are the Internal Revenue Service and unit volunteer income tax assistants.

The IRS can be accessed through their web site, www.irs.gov or by calling toll free at 1-800-829-1040.

Thursday

Bedford High School curriculum presentation

The Bedford High School Parents Association will present “Bedford High School: Curriculum Overview for MCAS Disciplines” Thursday at 7:30 p.m., in the old high school cafeteria.

Dr. Maureen La Croix and program administrators for math, science, social studies and English language arts will provide an overview of the high school curriculum.

All high school parents and current eighth-grade parents are welcome to attend this session.

For information, call Ellen Ratichek at 275-4335, or Mary Whallon at meawhallon@aol.com.

Upcoming Weeklies

Hanscom men’s softball

Hanscom team sign-ups for men’s softball is ongoing.

For information, contact Tech. Sgt. John Raynes at 3-2620 or

John.raynes@hanscom.af.mil

Voting Assistance line established

A voting assistance line has been established at 3-VOTE (8683) to help potential voters get registered.

Anyone who has a question or problem can call the line and leave a message including their name and phone number. A voting counselor will call you back by the next business day.

Scholarships available

The Retired Officers Association, Paul Revere Chapter, is accepting applications for its annual scholarships to students at four-year colleges.

The typical award will be about \$1,000.

Children of active duty military personnel stationed at Hanscom, children and grandchildren of members of the Paul Revere Chapter and TROA are eligible.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 30.

Applications are available at the Education Center Customer Service Desk and by requests to retired Lt. Col. Paul Sullivan via email at sullivanp@empire.net or call at (978) 433-9909.

Employee appreciation day

The North Suburban Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Employee Appreciation Day April 28 at the Ramada Inn in Woburn, Mass. which is located on 15 Middlesex Canal Park Road.

The event, which features a luncheon and fashion show by Dress Barn, will begin at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Cost for the event is \$25 for Hanscom employees. Those wishing to attend or send an employee should contact and provide payment to Theresa Feely at 3-5191.

Community College of the Air Force graduation

A Community College of the Air Force graduation will be held May 9 in the Ballroom of the Officers’ Club at 2 p.m.

There will be more than 40 graduates from Hanscom and its geographically separated units.

In addition to the ceremony, three graduates will be presented \$400 scholarships to be used for further education.

Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, Electronic Systems Center commander, will be the guest speaker.

A reception will be held following the ceremony.

All are invited.

For information, contact Jeanne Richter at 3-2022 or the Education Center at 3- 3210.

Northeast Regional High Level Architecture Training Event

The IC2S Program Office will host the Northeast Regional High Level Architecture Training Event May 16 and 17 at Hanscom.

There is no fee for attendance, and the conference is open to government employees, contractors and all others with

an interest in HLA.

Registration and information for this training event is available via the Defense Modeling and Simulation Office web site, <http://hla.dmsomil>, under education and training.

Base volleyball teams

Both the men’s and women’s base volleyball teams are looking for players to play in the AFMC tournament this year. The teams will practice Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the base gym. Any active duty military members interested can come to the practice Mondays or contact Chris Barker at 3-9011 Christopher.Barker@hanscom.af.mil or Erik Eichin at 3-2017 eichin@plh.af.mil

Baseball positions available

Henry’s Baseball Club welcomes players and coaches between the ages of 17 and 30 to play Sundays at 11 a.m.

For information call 891-0621.


High Year of Tenure Extension Program

The new fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2001 High Year of Tenure Extension Program is continuing. All Air Force specialties are eligible with certain grade restrictions in each of those specialties.

To see if you are eligible to apply for this retention program, call 3-3062 or 3-4979 or stop by the Military Personnel Flight Retirements and Separations office for an application.

Hanscom School Menu			
Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta with or without meat sauce, parmesan cheese, roll, peas and carrots, fruit	Sport shaped chicken nuggets, steamy white rice, fresh fruit, cookies	Nachos supreme, tortilla chips, lean beef, cheddar cheese sauce, salsa, corn nibblets	cheese pizza or fish patty on a roll, veggie dippers, fruit

Colonial



Theater

Friday 7:30 p.m. -- BOILER ROOM - Welcome to the infamous "boiler room" of J.T. Marlin where twenty-something millionaires are made overnight. Here, in the inner sanctum of a fly-by-night brokerage firm, hyper-aggressive young stock jocks peddle to unsuspecting buyers over the phone - and are rewarded with mansions, Ferraris and more luxury toys than they know what to do with. In this unassuming Long Island enclave, Generation Xers chase the green at breakneck speeds, sometimes one step ahead of the law. **R** (strong language and some drug content) **119 min** Starring: **Giovanni Ribisi, Vin Diesel**

Saturday 7:30 p.m. -- SCREAM 3 - SCREAM 3 takes place in Hollywood during production of "Stab 3, Return to Woodsboro," a thriller that raises troubling questions about the events that terrified the town of Woodsboro and continue to haunt Sidney Prescott. Three-and-a-half years after leaving Windsor College, Sidney has settled into a life of quiet seclusion in Northern California. But that uneasy peace is shattered when terror erupts on the set of "Stab 3." **R** (strong horror, violence and language) **116 min** Starring: **David Arquette, Neve Campbell**




photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice.

What's Happening

Family Child Care

If you love working with children and want to work out of your own home, then Family Child Care wants you.

Call Tracy Bovasso at 3-1695 for information on becoming a licensed child care provider.

Base Pool prepares for summer

It's that time of year when the "bubble" comes down and we get ready for the warm summer months.

The pool will close April 29 at 6 p.m. to begin the process.

Look for the reopening around Memorial Day weekend.

Teen volunteers needed

Teen volunteers are needed to help serve dinner at the Pine Street Inn homeless shelter April 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Transportation will be provided.

Also, teens can sign up now for "Dinner at Chili's" April 21 at 7 p.m.

Call the Youth Center for information.

Spring into action at Fourth Cliff

Spring is a great time to enjoy the sights and sounds of Fourth Cliff.

Join us April 22 at 1:30 p.m. for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Fourth Cliff will celebrate Earth Day April 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by cleaning the beach of winter debris and sprucing up the grounds.

Make it a family affair with a free lunch served to all participants.

Auto Hobby Shop

During the month of April, show us that it's your birthday and get a free stall or lift for that day.

Only \$16.95 gets you a complete oil, lube and filter change by appointment from April 3 through 7.

Get a free battery and alternator system check from April 24 to 28.

Now is the time to get the winter dirt off your car at the new "touchless" automatic carwash located across from the Base Post Office.

Steak Night is back

Join us at the Patriot Enlisted Club every Tuesday night from 5 to 7 p.m. for steak night on the deck.

Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children (six through 12).

Show your Preferred Plus card and receive a 10 percent discount.

Picnic reservations

Reservations are being taken for the gazebos at Memorial and Castle Park areas as well as the FamCamp picnic area.

Through April 15 all assigned active duty personnel and base squadrons may make reservations on a first come, first served basis.

After April 15, reservations will be opened to all base personnel. Reservations must be made in person. A deposit is required at the time of reservation.

Centers offer base youth summer fun

by J.C. Corcoran
Services Marketing

Believe it or not, another school year is rapidly coming to a close.

Pretty soon all of the children will be out of school and they'll be looking for something to do.

Well if you've got children between the ages of 5 and 18, the Youth Center and the School Age Center may be the place for them to be this summer.

Some of the programs currently being offered include: the Cooking Club, where members get a chance to learn the basics of being a good cook; Arts and Crafts Club, where the children can create crafts to take home and the Power Hour - Homework Club, which helps members (ages nine to 12) be more successful in school by providing homework help and tutoring.

Children can learn to play the piano or the guitar, or learn the ins and outs of becoming a good babysitter.

Many of these programs are free to Youth Center members.

With a variety of programs, both the Youth Center (for ages nine to 18) and the School Age Center (ages five to 12) offer base youth an alternative to "just hanging out."

From Summer Camp to youth sports, it's all waiting for the youth of Hanscom.

To find out about the Youth or School Age Center and the programs offered, call 3-1282.

Making all the plans and establishing the programs for base youth rests on the shoulders of the director of the Youth Center, Kathy Chiasson and staff.

Ms. Chiasson, a graduate of Bridgewater State College with a bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education, has been the Youth Center director since 1997.

She started her service with the government as the Youth Director at the Naval Air Station in Weymouth, Mass.

She joined the Hanscom community first as the acting youth director in February



Kathy Chiasson

1997 before taking on the top spot later that year.

In that short time, Ms. Chiasson and Youth Center staff have made strides toward improving the facility and programs at Hanscom.

"Our facilities and the types of programs we can offer the youth of Hanscom have come a long way since 1997. Our summer camp, youth sports, leadership and other youth programs are continually being examined and refined in order to provide the best possible service to our customer," said Ms. Chiasson.

Correction: Summer Camp registration packages will be available at the Youth Center beginning April 17 and not April 11 as stated on last Services page.

Help Wanted!

Child Care Givers
\$ 9.43/hr., Benefit Pkg.
Camp Counselors
Mid June - Aug, \$ 9.43/hr
E.O.E.
Fax resume to 3-7899
or call NAF HRO at
3-8741



Shows

Champions On Ice

April 8, 7 p.m.

Fleet Center

Celtics Basketball

April 10, 12 and 14

Fleet Center

Boston Pops

June 17, 8 p.m.

Symphony Hall

Miss Saigon

June 18, 7:30 p.m.

Wang Center

11th Annual Battle Road Run May 13

The Hanscom Fitness and Sports Center presents the 11th Annual Battle Road 10K Run or Walk and 1K Fun Run. A point to point course starting near the historic Old North Bridge in Concord, Mass., following the actual Battle Road and finishing at Hanscom.

May 13, 10 a.m. - Walk, 10:30 a.m. - Run, 11:30 a.m. - 1K Children's Fun Run.

Pre-registered cost is \$12 and \$15 on race day.

USA Track and Field Certification Pending.

Long-sleeve T-shirts to all applications postmarked by May 1.

For information or an application, contact Jerry Turnbow or Mike Abruzese at 3-3639, fax at 3-7937 or e-mail at Jerry.Turnbow@hanscom.af.mil.

"Month of the Military Child"

Saturday, **Home Alone Training** at the FSC from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 3-3739 for details.

April 15, **Walk N' Talk** - family walk and discussion in the park plus lunch.

April 18, **Family Night** - free pasta dinner at the Youth Center for all families on base, plus distribution of a parent education book to each family in attendance.

April 24 through 28, **Family portraits** - each family makes a poster about their family to be displayed in our centers.

Attention parents!

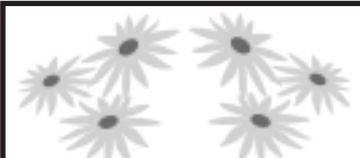
Did you know that several Hanscom Family Child Care Providers have openings for children three to five years old, at a fraction of the price you pay off-base?

The benefits to on-base Family Child Care are:

1. Providers go through an extensive training program
2. Providers must meet all Air Force Instructions.
3. Homes are inspected monthly to ensure quality care is being provided.
4. Providers have equipment and supplies accessible through the FCC lending library.

Ask questions about the program your child is in now and compare.

For a list of providers call 3-1695.



Officers' Club

Easter Buffet April 23

Two seatings - noon and 3 p.m.
Reservations are required

MENU

Carved roast beef, honey baked ham, baked scrod, marinated chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, rice, green beans almandine, mixed vegetables, rolls, caesar salad, fruit salad, assorted desserts, chicken nuggets and potato puffs for the children.

Price: \$14.95 Adults
\$7 Children (six to 11)
Five and under are free
Call 3-3790 for information.

Secretaries Day April 26

For all you do,
this lunch is for you!
11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicken saltimbocca,
seafood primavera pasta, baked stuffed potato, mixed vegetables, tossed salad and rolls.

Flowers will be provided.

Price: \$7.95

Reservations are requested.

Preferred Plus! members show your card for a discount!

Employment

❑ **Transitioning from a military to a civilian career** will be held at the Family Support Center, Monday through April 14.

This workshop is designed to assist voluntarily and involuntarily separating or retiring service members make a successful career transition.

Plan to attend at least six months prior to separation or retirement.

Civilian clothing is suggested.
Spouses are welcome.
This class begins at 12:30 p.m. Monday and ends at 12:30 p.m. Friday.
Tuesday through Thursday class hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Call 3-4222 to register.

Parenting

❑ **Stress and your child:** Helping kids cope with the pressures of life will be held at the Family Support Center Monday and Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dr. Kathleen Reardon will look at effective strategies parents may use to help children cope with stress; including how to recognize symptoms of stress, how to listen to children, how to encourage verbal expressions of anger, how to reassure and encourage children in times of stress, how to recognize when a child is not able to handle a particular situation and when problems put the child at serious risk for depression, inappropriate aggression or suicide.

Call 3-4222 to register.
❑ **In Step** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Our monthly education group for stepparents welcomes back Patricia Marquis, licensed independent clinical social worker, for a continuation of last month's discussion on family communication.

Bring lunch and share opinions and experiences.
Call 3-4222 to register.

Fitness enhancement

❑ **Fitness for life** will be held at the HAWC Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Defines physical fitness, covers how to evaluate the intensity of your exercise for maximum benefit, and methods to reduce risk of exercise-related injuries.

Call 3-6560 to register.
❑ **Healthy exercise** (video - 30 minutes) will be shown at the HAWC Wednesday starting at noon.

Exercise provides many health benefits.
This video helps participants understand those benefits and overcome common barriers to implementing an exercise program.

Explore activities you enjoy, then plan ways to make those activities a regular part of daily living.
Registration not required.

❑ **Back safety** class will be held at the HAWC Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Learn to build a stronger, more flexible and more fit back.
Call 3-6560 to register.

❑ **Carpal Tunnel Syndrome prevention** class will be held at the HAWC Friday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is a health hazard afflicting many office workers today.

If you work on a computer and are concerned about injuring your wrists come to the Carpal Tunnel Syndrome prevention class.

Call 3-6560 to register.

Work and life

❑ **Veterans' benefits counseling** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday from 3 to 4 p.m.

One-on-one counseling is provided to answer the questions of transitioning service members who have served a minimum

of 181 consecutive days.

Call 3-4222 for an appointment.
❑ **The single parent workshop series – “Issues and Answers”** will be held at the Family Support Center Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Join Patricia Marquis for a discussion of issues commonly faced by single parents and ideas on how to deal with them.
Call 3-4222 to register.

Education Center, Bldg. 1728, 3-2021

❑ **The Education Office testing policy** requires students to arrive on time for scheduled test sessions.

It is the student's responsibility to report on time and our responsibility to ensure the students in the room are not disturbed by interruptions.

Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the test room. All students taking exams should arrive at least 15 minutes before test time. Doors will close at 8 a.m. for the morning session and again at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.
For information call Education Services at 3-3120.

The next administration of the English Composition with Essay CLEP Exam will be June 8, with a registration deadline of April 25.

The next administration of the Regents Extended Response Exams will be June 8, with a registration deadline of April 25. The available exams are History of Nazi Germany, Religions of the World, Research in Nursing, American Dream, and Business Policy and Strategy.

All exams start at 8 a.m., individuals should arrive by 7:45 a.m.
Schedule exam appointments through Education Services at 3-3120.

Thrift Shop, 274-8079

❑ The Minuteman Thrift Shop's normal business hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales.

The Thrift Shop is open Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for consignments.

The Saturday consignment day will be May 6.
The Minuteman Thrift Shop is currently accepting spring-weight clothing for consignment. The shop is no longer accepting winter wear.

The shop will be closed April 27 for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Officers' Wives' Club

❑ The **Officers' Wives' Club** invites those eligible officers' spouses to become members.

This club hosts a monthly meeting for social and service purposes. In addition, numerous activity groups are offered to members such as bridge, bowling, bunco, mah-jong and book and garden clubs.

Consider a membership in this club and experience the many benefits it has to offer.

For membership information call Paula Butler at 274-9075.

For activities information call Lisa O' Neill at (978) 244-0448.

Enlisted Wives' Club

❑ The Enlisted Wives' Club invites all spouses of active duty and retired enlisted personnel, as well as all enlisted personnel, to attend the monthly membership meeting, the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Patriot Enlisted Club. The club is a diverse group of people sharing community activities and social events.

For information contact Amanda Anderson, president at 274-0697 or Lois LeFleur, vice president at 274-8110.

Boy Scouts

❑ The Boy Scout program offers boys age 11 to 18

the promise of adventure, friendship, learning, challenge and responsibility.

To make this a reality, the community needs adult leaders, civilian, active-duty and retired military to maintain a viable program.

The efforts of volunteer leaders have made a difference and they have had fun with the scouts.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a scoutmaster, troop committee member or working with the boys in any other capacity should contact Scoutmaster Dorrie Bartels at 641-3675 or Troop Committee Chairman Walter Avila at 274-0372 or 3-8958.

Cub Scouts

❑ **Cub Scouts** provides boys in first through fifth grade with a chance to learn and grow in a thriving program that is deep in tradition and lots of fun.

Anyone interested in scouting or who wants to get involved as an adult volunteer, can call Cubmaster Kathy Schnepf at 274-0120.

Girl Scouts

❑ The **Hanscom Girl Scouts** provides an avenue for girls to learn new skills, make lasting friendships and enjoy the world around them.

Girls entering kindergarten through high school are welcome to join the fun. Scouts are always looking for adult volunteers.

For questions or to volunteer call 274-0042.

Civil Engineering

❑ **The base recycling program contractor** will pick up hamper bins or carts Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bins must be consolidated in one location. The building manager must call the recycling office at 3-4272. Leave the building number and location of the carts on the message.

Deadlines are Tuesdays at noon. Messages left after noon Tuesdays will be sent to the contractor for pickup the next week.

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

- ❑ **Catholic Masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.
- ❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.
- ❑ **For information** on Chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

Chapel Events

Catholic designated offering

The Catholic Parish Third Quarter Designated Offering will be taken up at all three Masses Palm Sunday weekend, April 15 and 16, and donated to the Archdioceses for the Military Services, which is the ecclesiastical agency for active duty military Catholics and their family members.

The archdiocese has no federal or any other means of support other than the charity of the personnel it serves.

Catholic “Stations and Soup”

The Catholic community will sponsor “Stations and Soup” each Wednesday evening during Lent at the Chapel.

The program begins at 5 p.m. with the Stations of the Cross followed by a light meal provided this week by the Catholic Pastoral Council.

All Catholics are invited to an evening of reflection and fellowship.

For information call Pam Willey at 3-3538.